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2. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the data destination comprises a proxy node.

9. (Amended) A method according to claim 8, wherein the reachability information is maintained by a home agent router.

11. (Amended) A mobile communications system comprising:
a mobile node;
means for maintaining reachability information for the mobile node;
means for receiving messages directed to the mobile node; and
a service controller configured to set a destination for a message directed to the mobile node when the reachability information indicates that the mobile node is unreachable.

12. (Amended) A method of routing data directed to a mobile host which is away from its home network, comprising:
maintaining a record of locations through which the data can be routed to the mobile host, and in the event that the data cannot be routed to the mobile host through any of the locations specified in the record, then routing the data to an alternative destination from which it is available for subsequent retrieval to the mobile host.

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14. (Amended) A mobile communications system comprising:
a mobile host movable between its home network and a plurality of
connected communications networks;
a router configured to route data intended for the mobile host to a
location through which the data can be sent to the mobile host, when the mobile
host is away from its home network; and
a service controller configured to intervene so as to send the data to
an alternative location, when the data cannot be sent to the mobile host.

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-14 are pending. By this amendment, claims 1, 2, 9, 11, 12 and 14 have been amended for clarity. It is noted that the Office Action indicates that claims 15 and 16 have been withdrawn from consideration. However, claims 15 and 16 were canceled without prejudice by Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with the instant application on June 6, 2000. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the cancellation of claims 15 and 16 be acknowledged.

The objection to claims 1 and 11 are overcome by virtue of the amendments to these claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.